from the Tower to Newgate some days since Being brought along with halberts and bills, and his arms tied with a cord, at length he came through the press to the bar, and there, having his hands loosed, he put off his hat and made obeisance The Chief Justice, casting his eyes upon him, asked him his age, who answered that he was about the age of Christ when he was brought before Pilate [c] Why then,[5] quoth he,[c] you make your-self Christ, his companion ? ' * No,' saith Southwell, [e] but a poor worm created for to serve him '

Then was the indictment read, to which Southwell after some pause answered, ' I confess I am a Catholic priest and, I thank God for it, no traitor neither can any law make it treason to be a priest' The Chief Justice importuned him to answer according to form of law, and his answer was * Not guilty of treason'

Then Mr Coke, the Attorney-General, began to open the indictment * I had not thought,' quoth he, [c] to have spoken anything this day, but that the prisoner let fall a word, *viiekcet,* that no law could make his case treason I have occupied this room but three years, and there have been divers high pouits of treason practised by Jebusites, I should say Jesuits *, and drawing upon recent examples, concluded that the statute upon which the prisoner was arraigned was not made but upon some urgent cause 'They pretend conscience,' saith he,[but you shall see how far they are from it *

One Bellamy's daughter was then brought m that had betrayed Southwell to Topcliffe Her deposition was that Southwell told them that if any should inquire for him and propose to them an oath whether they had

seen him, they might deny it by oath though they had seen him that same day, reserving this intention—* not with a purpose to tell you [3]

Hereupon the Attorney exclaimed that the rotten Chair would down which maintained a doctrine by which all judgments, all giving of testimonies, should be perverted

Southwell answered that his words were not altogether as she reported, [c] but I told them,' said he, * that to an oath were required justice, judgment and truth.' Some few words he spake more, but his utterance was somewhat uriready, and they always cut him off when he began to speak